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ELECTRONIC MAIL, METHOD OF DISPLAYING ELECTRONIC MAIL AND
PROGRAM FOR DISPLAY

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Interview Summary

Sir:

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the courtesy of Examiner Lee for granting a telephone interview with Applicant's undersigned representative, which was held Monday morning, 30 July 2007. The following is a brief summary of that interview.

Applicant requested the interview to seek clarification of Examiner's interpretation of the claim term "relating condition specified", particularly in light of the Response to Applicant's Arguments at p. 2-3 of the most recent Office Action, mailed 09 June 2007. Applicant argued that the claim term was being incorrectly parsed, and improperly separated from the phrase of which it was a part. Moreover, even if the claim term has more breadth than any one specific enumerated relating condition, the term as it stands was entitled to patentable weight, and was inappropriately read out of the claim. Finally, Applicant argued that notwithstanding the breadth of the disputed claim term, the Tomari reference does not meet the claim because it does not limit the messaged displayed based upon any relating condition.

Examiner responded that he viewed “relating condition specified” as overbroad, and sought greater specificity in the claim. Examiner terminated the interview, and promised a return telephone call. Upon continuation of the interview, and after consultation with his supervisor, Examiner requested an amendment to claims reciting “relating condition specified” that narrows the scope of the term. Applicant promised a proposed amendment was forthcoming.

No agreement was reached.

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